



Neighborhood Watch Monthly Newsletter

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It's your community – Get involved!

Are you plagued with door-to-door sales people?

Most of us have experienced that uncomfortable feeling of answering the door to a fast-talking, pushy salesperson. As soon as you answer the door and they start talking, you know you're in trouble. You try to interrupt but can't, you try to say no but they don't listen, you try to close the door but they have pushed themselves in too far. You start asking yourself, what is this person here for and are they legitimate?

In Sandy City (with rare exceptions) persons doing business door-to-door must have a Sandy City business license. When a business license is purchased through Sandy City, it must be carried with every salesperson (not just one) that comes to your door. Some will try to tell you that their boss has the business license or that they have one but it is in their car a few streets away. Again, this should cause suspicion on your part because when they apply for a business license through Sandy City, they are told all of these things.

Furthermore, most legitimate businesses will utilize a company logo on a car or shirt if they are out doing business in a neighborhood. This helps advertise their company services and it also let's people know who is at their house. Reputable companies know of the safety issues involved if people don't know who they are. Therefore, if a salesperson is at your door, look for identifying information as to who they are before you talk to them.

Another thing to note is there is a difference between door-to-door salespeople who are there to make a profit and those who are there for non-profit agencies. For example, Boy Scouts of America will frequent neighborhoods a couple of times a year for their cause. This is a non-profit agency that does not require a business license. However, take caution with those claiming to be non-profit. Ask clarifying questions and know whom you are giving your money too. Many fraudulent acts are committed by someone claiming to represent a non-profit group.

In conclusion, to seek out legitimate salespeople from non-legitimate salespeople do the following:

*Ask to see their business license. All door-to-door sales people (with rare exceptions) must have a Sandy City Business License. Don't let them tell you or show you that they have a Salt Lake County License. It must be issued through Sandy City.

*Ask to see their company ID. Good business practice suggests that every door-to-door salesperson should be carrying an identification card or be showing a company shirt or car with an identifying logo on it.

*If these things aren't available for you to see, or if the person made you feel uncomfortable, wouldn't leave when you asked etc. you have every reason to be suspicious. Call the Sandy City Police, non-emergency dispatch number at 840-4000 if this happens. Our Officers will be happy to come out to the neighborhood to question the individual(s).

We are concerned about your safety first and foremost. Don't answer the door if you don't know who is there. Don't be afraid to close the door if you don't want them there. Take caution and don't ever let someone into your home whom you don't know well. Finally, if you opt to, purchase and display a no soliciting sign to place on your door. This will keep door to door solicitors away or will face them with a trespassing violation.

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Sandy City Offenses	Flat Iron	Canyon	Dimple Dell	Bluff	Auto Mall	South Towne	Jordan	Historic	Total
Aggravated Assault	3	1	1	0	0	0	3	2	10
Alcohol Offenses	1	2	2	0	2	1	16	12	36
Animal Problems	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	5	15
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	7	7	5	2	7	1	7	15	51
Death Calls	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	4
Disorderly	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	6	13
Domestics	8	6	2	4	9	4	7	36	76
Drug Offenses	4	1	0	2	4	0	36	19	66
Forgeries & Frauds	5	1	1	0	2	7	3	14	33
Homicides	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Problems	5	4	1	1	4	3	16	12	46
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Offenses	19	14	8	1	15	15	21	36	129
Protective Orders	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
Sex offenses	2	0	1	1	6	2	4	5	21
Simple Assault	7	7	1	6	11	3	10	28	73
Suspicious Calls	1	3	2	0	6	1	12	5	30
Theft	23	18	1	4	14	29	28	49	166
Threats	1	1	1	0	2	2	5	3	15
Traffic Crashes	8	6	5	1	23	16	50	37	146
Trespassing	0	1	1	0	3	1	4	2	12
Vehicle Burglary	7	6	5	3	3	12	7	35	78
Vehicle Theft	4	0	0	1	4	4	5	3	21
Warrant Service	5	4	0	2	4	3	32	14	64
Weapons Offense	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	5
Total	116	85	40	28	124	106	274	344	1,117

Flat Iron- 1300 E to the East border, North border to 9400 S; **Canyon-** 1300 E to the East border, 9400 S to the Gully; **Dimple Dell-** 1300 E to the East border, 10350 S to 11400 S; **Bluff-** 1300 E to the East border, 11400 S to South border; **South Towne-** West border to 1300 E, Gully to 10600 S; **Auto Mall-** West border to 1300 E, 10600 S to South border; **Historic-** West border to 1300 E, North border to 9000 S; **Jordan-** West border to 1300 E, 9000 S to the Gully

